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BOOK REVIEWS.

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A Treatise on the Law of Trials in Actions Civil and Criminal, by Seymour D. Thompson, LL.D., Author Thompson on Stocks and Stockholders; Thompson on Homesteads and Exemptions; Thompson on Corporations; Thompson on Negligence, etc., etc. Second Edition, by Marion C. Early, of the St. Louis Bar, Editor Third Edition Bishop on Statutory Crimes; Author Assignments for Benefit of Creditors, "Cyc," Editor Second Edition of Bishop on Contracts. In four volumes. Chicago. T. H. Flood & Company. 1912. Price \$26.

Mr. Thompson's great work on Trials when it first appeared marked an epoch in the history of law books and though since that time many other works have appeared attempting each after its fashion to cover the same ground this work has held its own as probably the best work for the practicing lawyer which could be found upon the subject. This great treatise on the law of trials has now been practically rewritten, rearranged and enlarged by the present editor, who has erected upon a superb foundation a building worthy to contain the learning of the former author, added to the valuable work of the present editor. A careful examination of the four volumes has convinced the reviewer that there is no book which can take its place. As a weapon both of offense and defense in the trial of cases we know of nothing to equal it and whilst it is with a sense of regret like parting from an old friend that we transfer to the rear shelves of the library the old volumes, we put this new work within reach of our hand feeling very much like a man who when in danger realizes that he has a safe and trusty revolver, well loaded, in easy reach.

The Laws of England, being a complete statement of the whole Law of England, by the Right Honorable Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, 1885-86, 1886-92, and 1895-1905, and other lawyers. Volume XXI Mistake, Money and Money Lending, Mortgage, Name and Arms, Change of, Negligence, Notaries, Nuisance, Open Spaces and Recreation Grounds, Parliament, Partition. London: Butterworth & Co., Bell Yard, Temple Bar, Law Publishers. Sidney: Butterworth & Co. (Australia), Ltd., 76 Elizabeth Street. Calcutta: Butterworth & Co. (India), Ltd., 82 Hastings Street. Agents for the United States: Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y. 1912. Price \$7.50.

The present volume contains the important subjects of Mistake, Negligence and Nuisance, and an examination of the treatises, for such they are, upon these subjects, makes us renew the statement that we have heretofore made as to preceding volumes that this work is of growing value to the American lawyer. We examined with much interest the article on "Negligence" in connection with a pending case, and found it of great value and touching a branch of the subject which we had not been able to find in much larger works. With each volume we are struck with the clarity of the reasoning of our English brethren and their ability to put so much law in such small space. The work is indeed a *magnum opus*.